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MEETING, COPENHAGEN, JUNE 28-29, 78: EASTERN EUROPE

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1. MFA EC PRESIDENCY OFFICER, CHRISTOPHER BRAMSEN, TOLD
US THIS AFTERNOON THAT THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE APPROVED
TWO STUDIES BY THE NINE'S EASTERN EUROPEAN EXPERTS AND
DIRECTED THE EXPERTS TO LOOK FURTHER INTO CERTAIN TOPICS.

2. THE COMPLETED STUDIES WERE ENTITLED: "CENTRALISM
AND SOVIET MINORITY POLICIES" AND "THE PRESENT SITUATION
IN HUNGARY." EXPERTS WERE ASKED TO CONTINUE THEIR
EXAMINATION OF WHAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES
EXPECT TO ACHIEVE FROM THEIR DRIVE TO OBTAIN BILATERAL
PROTOCOLS WITH COUNTRIES OF THE WEST. (THE DANES HAVE
SIGNED ONE SUCH AGREEMENT). EXPERTS WILL COMPARE THE
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VARIOUS PROTOCOLS IN DETAIL IN AN ATTEMPT TO ANSWER
THE QUESTION OF "WHY", PARTICULARLY SINCE IT SEEMS TO
THE NINE THAT SUCH PROTOCOLS HAVE LITTLE OR NO ACTUAL
EFFECT ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE EASTERN COMMUNIST
COUNTRIES AND THOSE OF THE WEST.

3. THE NINE EASTERN EUROPEAN EXPERTS OF THE NINE WERE

ALSO DIRECTED TO MAKE A FORMAL REPORT ON THE "NATURE, EXTENT,
DEPTH AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SOVIET FEAR OF CHINA."

4. THE TWO COMPLETED REPORTS MENTIONED ABOVE WILL BE
DISTRIBUTED AT NATO. BRAMSEN COMMENTED THAT THE
FRENCH POSED NO OBJECTION TO THIS.
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